

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of claims in this application:

1-130. (cancelled)

131. (New) Mass feed member (18) for feeding a meat mass, to a mould cavity in the outer circumference of the drum of a moulding device, comprising a housing (140) with an inlet side and a drum side which is to face the drum, a through-passage (142) for mass to pass from an inlet (144) towards an outlet (146) located on the drum side, the drum side being designed to adjust in a sealing manner to irregularities in the outer circumference of the drum (16).

132. (New) Mass feed member according to claim 131, wherein the drum side of the mass feed member (18) comprises a flexible plate (158) which bears against the outer circumference of the drum (16) under pressure as a result of pressure means.

133. (New) Mass feed member according to claim 132, wherein the pressure means comprise one or more pressure cushions (160); a number of lamellae (154), which are positioned transversely with respect to the direction of rotation of the drum, being arranged between a pressure cushion (160) and the plate (158).

134. (New) Mass feed member according to claim 131, wherein the drum side of the mass feed member (18), as seen in the circumferential direction of the drum, extends on either side of the outlet (146), over a distance which covers at least one mould cavity (60).

135. (New) Mass feed member according to claim 131, wherein a cutting device (170) is provided in the through-passage (142) on the drum side.

136. (New) Mass feed member according to claims 131 wherein a diverter passage is provided, which on one side is in communication with the through-passage and on the other side is in communication with an outlet opening at a position, upstream of the outlet of the through-passage, where the next mould cavity to be filled is located.

137. (New) Mass feed member according to claim 131, wherein the housing is of a virtually semicircular shape, with the through-passage extending in the radial direction.

138. (New) Mass feed member according to claim 131, wherein the side walls of the housing are provided with openings extending in the radial direction, and wherein radially movable lamellae are arranged between corresponding openings in the side walls.